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MEMORANDUM FOR: Major [REDACTED]  
Air Technical Intelligence Center  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

SUBJECT: ATIC Request for Use of Project Processing  
Facilities for Special Film Handling

REFERENCE: 1. Memo for DD/P from D/PIC, dtd 10 June 1959,  
Same Subj (PIC/D-11)-[REDACTED] (DD/P 4-61-0)  
2. Memo for D/PIC from DD/P, dtd 15 June 1959,  
Same Subj (DD/P 4-61-1)

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1. The Director of PIC is pleased to inform Major [REDACTED] in response to his query concerning the use of Project processing facilities for special films taken by ATIC that the Project Director is willing to arrange for the processing of ATIC's films at Rochester. The only provision is that the ATIC project would not overload the facility and seriously delay the processing of other film. If we enter such an arrangement it is assumed that the original negative will go to the Air Force who would control the distribution of all kinds of duplicates of such film. It is hoped that CIA/PIC would be offered one such duplicate if the project obtains coverage which would be useful in the production of national photographic intelligence.

2. It is understood that a request in writing will be forthcoming from the commander of ATIC to the Project Director via AFICIN which will affirm your preliminary verbal proposal, and that ATIC proposes to pay at least the direct cost (direct labor plus materials) on work done for them.

ARTHUR C. LUNDHAL  
Director,  
Photographic Intelligence Center

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15 June 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Photographic Intelligence Center

SUBJECT : ATIC Request for Use of Project Processing Facilities for Special Film Handling

REFERENCE : Memo for DD/P from D/PIC dated 10 June 1959, Same Subject (PIC/D-115-59) (DD/P 4-6150)

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1. I would of course be happy to have us help out ATIC as a whole and Major [redacted] in particular by arranging for the processing of Project [redacted] Rochester, provided only that this would not overload the facility and seriously delay the processing of other film. Since we are not currently particularly active in CHALICE, I hardly see how this could happen. If we enter into such an arrangement, I assume the original negative would go to the Air Force which would control distribution of all kinds of duplicates of the [redacted] film but I hope that they would let us have a duplicate if you want one. I would not, however, make this a condition of our help.

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2. Although I feel we should always try to be helpful in a matter of this kind, I am somewhat bothered by your statement that AFCIN does not agree with the procedure proposed by Major [redacted]. Perhaps if they realized that the Air Force would retain full control of the [redacted] material, AFCIN would withdraw its objection, but I suppose their feeling is that they want to encourage the use of facilities manned by Air Force personnel. Whatever the reason for AFCIN's views, my only concern is that, in being helpful to ATIC, we should not appear to be taking sides in an intra-Air Force argument.

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3. Although I am a little at a loss as to what to suggest, I wonder if you could not proceed as follows: Tell Major [redacted] that we would be delighted to make the facility available, that he will retain control of the product, but that we are placed in a very awkward position if he asks us to keep this secret from AFCIN; ask him whether he cannot, now that he has

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our assurance of a favorable reply, tell AFCIN what he is doing; and conclude that at a minimum we would have to have a formal request from Commander, ATIC, which we would have to be able to show to AFCIN if we were ever challenged on the propriety of our action.

4. Your referenced memorandum makes no comment on the financial aspects of this matter. Would ATIC propose to pay at least the direct costs (direct labor plus materials) on work done for them or are they asking us to foot the bill? I would not absolutely rule out the latter but believe the former would be more appropriate.

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RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR. ✓  
Deputy Director  
(Plans)

cc: DD/I  
AC/DPD-DD/P

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10 June 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: ATIC request for use of Project Processing  
Facilities for special film handling

1. Attached hereto is a memorandum from Mr. Measham describing an ATIC inquiry as to use of Project processing facilities to handle film from USAF Project [REDACTED]. I believe that the potential quality of this film merits consideration for special processing.

2. We have informed Major [REDACTED] of ATIC that we would submit his request to the Project Director through our channel. The purpose of this memorandum is to record ATIC's request and to acquaint you with some of the background and additional data which might be useful to you in forming a decision. The disagreement between AFCEW and ATIC in this matter is called in particular to your attention.

ARTHUR C. LANDAHL  
Director,  
Photographic Intelligence Center

Attachment:  
Memo, [REDACTED] to D/FIC,  
dtd 3 June 1950

cc: DD/I

Director, PIC

1 June 1962

Special Assistant to the Director, PIC

ATIC Request for Use of Project Processing Facilities for  
Special Film Requirements

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1. Major [redacted] from ATIC requested that an inquiry be made to ascertain if it would be possible for them to use the project facilities at EM for processing the film which one of their collection systems will be obtaining in the very near future. The project name was [redacted]. The film would be 16 inches wide and 6,000 feet long, each picture, which is a panoramic scan, being 12 feet or more in length. The input cycle would be sporadic, about once every two or three months; the first would become available in approximately three months.

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2. ATIC is making this request on their own separately from AFICIN who does not agree that this procedure should be used so care should be taken not to disclose this subject. ATIC feels that it is imperative that this material be handled under only the most controlled conditions. Major [redacted] was told that his request would be forwarded through the proper channels to the project director for his consideration.

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